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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF REGISTRATION  
OF BARBERS

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30,

1935

DIVISION OF REGISTRATION

DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL SERVICE AND REGISTRATION



Salaries members of board . . . . .	\$8,000.00	
Salaries investigators of board . . . . .	\$8,927.43	\$16,927.43
Traveling expenses board and investigators . . . . .	\$4,191.80	
Other expenses:		
Books, maps, etc. . . . .	2.15	
Equipment . . . . .	202.14	
Postage . . . . .	607.91	
Office and other supplies . . . . .	159.65	
Printing . . . . .	434.43	
Services . . . . .	41.58	
Telephone and telegraph . . . . .	145.42	
Stationary . . . . .	121.85	
Expenses of examinations (rental) . . . . .	215.00	
Expenses 14 Beacon St. (rent, light & water) . . . . .	1,458.52	\$7,580.45
		\$24,507.88

Examinations have been held in Boston in February, March, April, May, September, October and November, in Lowell in March and September, in Worcester in March and September, in Springfield in April and September and in Pittsfield in April and September. The results are as follows:

Examinations in:	Number examined	Number passed	Number failed
Boston . . . . .	151	108	43
New Bedford . . . . .	18	11	7
Lowell . . . . .	26	19	7
Worcester . . . . .	25	19	6
Springfield . . . . .	44	33	11
Pittsfield . . . . .	6	5	1
	<hr/> 270	<hr/> 195	<hr/> 78

It is gratifying to note that the general public realizes the desire of the Board to cooperate with it in every way to promote and improve the existing conditions regarding sanitation and sterilization.

There is a marked improvement shown in the observance of sanitary conditions among the barbers throughout the state.

It is the policy of the Board after a complaint has been received of violations of its rules and regulations, and its requirements for sanitation and sterilization, as approved by the State Department of Health, if the report is substantiated, to send to the violator a "twenty-four hour notice" warning him that the conditions as reported must be rectified within that period of time if he wishes to avoid further action. A recheck is made as follow-up work to see that the warning has been heeded. In case where no improvement is shown, the violator is summoned before the Board for a hearing.

281 complaints of violations of the law, and of the rules and regulations of the Board, have been received this year, 248 of which have been found worthy of consideration and further action.

There have been 295 hearings held, with action as follows:

Revocation of license . . . . .	77	Case dismissed . . . . .	1
Suspension of license . . . . .	80	Cases filed . . . . .	8
Placed on probation . . . . .	126	Cases postponed . . . . .	3

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The total number of court cases is 84, with action as follows:

Cases filed . . . . .	31	Placed on probation . . . . .	5
Fined \$5 . . . . .	24	Dismissed . . . . .	3
Fined \$10 . . . . .	17	Defaulted . . . . .	1
Fined \$25 . . . . .	1	Appeal pending . . . . .	2

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There are five approved barber schools in the state, all of which have shown a marked improvement in teaching methods, as well as in sanitary equipment.

Our Chief Investigator makes the following report for the year of the number of barber shops listed by counties, with the exception of Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket, the First Bristol Senatorial District, which are exempt from the provisions of the law:

Berkshire 168; Bristol 401; Essex 685; Franklin 54; Hampden 431; Hampshire 68; Middlesex 974; Norfolk 267; Plymouth 269; Suffolk 1,197; Worcester 641, making a total of 5,155 shops. He reports that there are about 175 shops in the exempted district. He also reports that there have been 15,171 shop inspections made, and that 642 new shops have been approved. 233 shops have discontinued business. 2,458 rechecks on 24 hour notices have been made.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Chapter 260 of the Acts of 1934, amending Section 87H, Chapter 112, General Laws (Tercentenary Edition) failed to provide for a fee for inspection of a new barber shop or a barber shop where the ownership or location has been transferred. The time spent for work under the provisions of the said amendment has demonstrated to the Board that a charge for such service should be made, and a fee of five dollars in each case is therefore recommended.

2. The existing law makes no provision to prohibit the employment of an unregistered person by a registered barber. The Board recommends an amendment to the law so as to provide for such prohibition.

3. Price lists which are frequently misleading regarding actual charges to be made for barbering services are often displayed in such a manner as to mislead the public. The Board recommends a restriction as to the display of price lists for services offered.

4. The existing law makes no provision as to a stated age before a person shall be eligible to apply for apprentice registration, therefore it often occurs that an apprentice is working in a barber shop under conditions and hours contrary to the law regulating the employment of minors. It is recommended that a minimum age for apprentice registration shall be fixed.

5. The law provides that no apprentice shall be eligible for examination until he has served as such for two full years, but makes no provision for a maximum limit of time under which he may practice as an apprentice under his original apprentice registration, and no provision is made for an annual re-registration of apprentices. It is also recommended that Section 87I of Chapter 112 be amended in accordance with the above recommendations, Nos. 4 and 5.

Respectfully submitted,

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GEORGE S. POULIN,  
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S. CARL SOTTILE,  
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